

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S9301–S9334*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1664–1668, and S. Res. 263–265. **Page S9326**

#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–75) **Page S9324**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Kennedy Caucus Room:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 264, designating the Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building as the "Kennedy Caucus Room". **Pages S9318–19**

**University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 100th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 258, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9333**

**Honoring Fallen Firefighters in Southern California:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 265, honoring the firefighters who sacrificed their lives while battling the Station Fire in southern California in August 2009. **Page S9333**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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#### **Adopted:**

By 83 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 275), Johanns Modified Amendment No. 2355, prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). **Pages S9308–18**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. **Page S9334**

#### **Appointments:**

**Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senator Rockefeller, ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and Senator Cantwell, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S9334**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Barbara J. Bennett, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Barbara Short Haskew, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2014.

Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador to Australia.

Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.  
 Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.  
 (Total—275) Pages S9317–18

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9334.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### HEALTH EFFECTS OF CELL PHONE USE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related

Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the health effects of cell phone use, after receiving testimony from John R. Bucher, Associate Director, National Toxicology Program, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Dariusz Leszczynski, Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority, Helsinki, Finland; Siegal Sadetzki, Sheba Medical Center, Tel-Hashomer, Israel; Linda S. Erdreich, Exponent, New York, New York; Devra Lee Davis, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Olga V. Naidenko, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.

### CYBER ATTACKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine cyber attacks, focusing on protecting industry against growing threats, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Merritt, Assistant Director, Office of Investigations, United States Secret Service, and Philip Reiting, Deputy Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs Directorate, both of the Department of Homeland Security; Robert Carr, Heartland Payment Systems, Princeton, New Jersey; and William B. Nelson, The Financial Services Information Sharing & Analysis Center, Leesburg, Virginia.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 3556–3562; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183–184; and H. Res. 737–743 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages H9491–92

**Report Filed:** A report was filed on September 11, 2009 as follows:

H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–254).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hirono to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures:

*Recommending that the United States Constitution be taught to high school students throughout the Nation in September of their senior year:* H. Res. 686, amended, to recommend that the United States Constitution be taught to high school students throughout the Nation in September of their senior year;

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*Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week should be established:* H. Res. 737, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week should be established;

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